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In re Application of :  
Miller et al. : DECISION ON APPLICATION  
Application No. 10/600,132 : FOR  
Filed: June 19, 2003 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
Atty Docket No. 24852-501 CIP :

This is a decision on the "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)," filed January 22, 2008. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be corrected from five hundred thirteen (513) days to six hundred fifteen (615) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is GRANTED-IN-PART to the extent indicated herein.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **six hundred seven (607) days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On December 12, 2007, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is five hundred thirteen (513) days. On January 22, 2008, applicants timely submitted the instant application for patent term adjustment<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The Office records show applicants paid the issue fee on March 5, 2008.

Applicants dispute the reduction of one hundred two (102) days for filing of the "SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT" on October 26, 2007, after a reply had been filed. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(8)<sup>2</sup>.

Applicants contend that they submitted the "SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT" at the request of the examiner.

Applicants' contention is well taken. The record supports a conclusion that the supplemental reply filed October 26, 2007, was expressly requested by the examiner within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8). Accordingly, the reduction of 102 days is not warranted and is being removed.

However, the record reveals that applicants filed a "PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP IN NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION" under 37 CFR 1.48(a) on December 19, 2006, after filing of a reply to the non-final Office action on December 11, 2006. As the submission of the petition was not expressly requested by the examiner, it is a proper basis for reduction of patent term. In accordance 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(8), the period of adjustment of the term of the patent should have been reduced by eight (8) days, the number of days beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed, December 12, 2006, and ending on the date that the petition was filed, December 19, 2006.

In view thereof, the correct patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **six hundred seven (607) days** (678 days of Office delay - 71 days of applicant delay = 607 days).

Submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) is acknowledged. No additional fee is required.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. This matter is being referred to the Office of Data Management

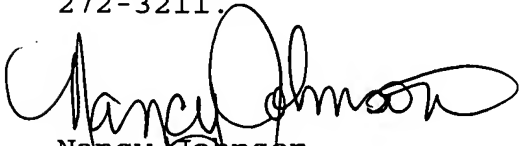
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<sup>2</sup> 37 CFR § 1.704(c)(8) states:

Submission of a supplemental reply or other paper, other than a supplemental reply or other paper expressly requested by the examiner, after a reply has been filed, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed and ending on the date that the supplemental reply or other such paper was filed[.]

for issuance of the patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Christina Tartera Donnell, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3211.



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Enclosure: Copy of updated PAIR screen

## PTA Calculations for Application: 10/600132

Application Filing Date:	06/19/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	678
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	165
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	607
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